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PARIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS FROM TOUSSAINT

E.O. 11652; GDS

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SUBJECT: US/SOVIET BILATERAL TALKS ON UN MATTERS

REF: MOSCOW 6480; MOSCOW 6342 (NOTAL)

1. MOSCOW 6480 (REPEATED TO YOU) REPORTED THAT SOVIET MFA DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS ISRAELYAN RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO YOUR INVITATION TO DISCUSS UN MATTERS IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE, BUT THAT HIS FORMAL ACCEPTANCE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT RESOLUTION OF UNCERTAINTIES IN HIS SCHEDULE. ISRAELYAN POINTED OUT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE COMPETENT TO TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC MATTERS OTHER THAN IN GENERAL TERMS SINCE THEY ARE COVERED BY NESTERENKO, WHO IS SOVIET MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION. ISRAELYAN ALSO SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR NESTERENKO TO COME AT THE SAME TIME AS ISRAELYAN. EMBASSY
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MOSCOW HAS RECOMMENDED (MOSCOW 6342) HOLDING SEPARATE

TALKS WITH NESTERENKO ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS.

2. SEPARATELY, DEPARTMENT TOOK INITIATIVE AND PROPOSED TO SECRETARY THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW BRIEF SOVIETS IN ADVANCE OF NAIROBI ON OUR POSITION FOR UNCTAD IV. IN ADDITION,

SECRETARY WAS ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING IN NAIROBI WITH PATOLICHEV, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND HEAD OF SOVIET UNCTAD DELEGATION. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED HE NOT SEEK SUCH AN EXCHANGE WITH PATOLICHEV BUT THAT, IF PATOLICHEV SHOULD SEEK IT, HE RESPOND POSITIVELY, CHOOSING AMONG THREE ALTERNATIVES: (A) SECRETARY-PATOLICHEV; (B) ROBINSON-PATOLICHEV; (C) MEETING AT BOEKER/DALE LEVEL.

3. FROM AN IO STANDPOINT, WE BELIEVE IT BEST NOT TO GIVE SOVIETS IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WHEN REALITY DOES NOT SUSTAIN IT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD FAVOR BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN BOEKER/DALE AND NESTERENKO IN NAIROBI SOMETIME AFTER INITIAL PERIOD OF UNCTAD IV (UNLESS, OF COURSE, SECRETARY TURNS DOWN ANY EXCHANGES ON POLITICAL GROUNDS). WE ARE PROVIDING BACKGROUND MATERIALS FOR SUCH AN EXCHANGE. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF TALKS IN NAIROBI, WE COULD THEN CONSIDER TOGETHER WITH EB AND EUR WHETHER TO INVITE NESTERENKO TO WASHINGTON FOR MORE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS SOMETIME AFTER ISRAELYAN RETURNS TO MOSCOW. SISCO

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